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A.—(*a*) The Government understand that His Excellency the Governor received a letter, dated 16th October 1930, purporting to be from certain students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, protesting against the action of a Police Inspector in ordering a lathi charge.

(*b*) No. The letter has not been transmitted to Government.

Powers of the Madras Services Commission in the appointment of Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 335 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras Services Commission has any hand in the appointments of Deputy Superintendents of Police; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage and what is the nature of their connexion with the said appointments?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Under sub-rule (*b*) of rule 2 of the rules regulating the method of recruitment, conditions of service, pay, allowances and pension of the Madras Police Service to which Deputy Superintendents of Police belong, the Government should consult the Madras Services Commission before selecting candidates for admission to the service and under sections 8 to 11 of the Madras Services Commission Act, 1929, the Commission should advise Government as to the suitability of candidates for appointment.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"May I know whether it is a fact that, in the matter of the appointment of Deputy Superintendents of Police, the Government submitted to the Commission only a few names, two or three, out of which the Commission was made to select one, or whether the Government sent to the Commission the names of all the candidates eligible for those posts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We simply ask them to advertise and call for applications and make recommendations. For the first time they made their recommendation some six months ago and we accepted the candidate that was put at the top."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"My question is whether in the appointment of Deputy Superintendents of Police from the existing cadre, that is, by way of promotion from the Police Inspectors, etc., the Government forward merely two or three names to the Public Service Commission, or they call upon the Commission to find out the eligible people and recommend suitable names from the existing Circle Inspectors who are eligible for the posts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"This question relates to recruitment."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"This relates to appointments, Sir."